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## News Release

## FEDERAL PROTECTIVE SERVICE RAISES \$5,200 FOR HABITAT FOR HUMANITY CHARITY

EAGAN, Minn.—Employees of the Federal Protective Service (FPS) and their friends and families collected \$5,200 Saturday during a bowling fundraiser here that will help fund the construction of a Habitat for Humanity house.

"It was a highly successful evening," said Ronald Chamberlain, FPS district commander. "Not only did we have a good time bowling, we also brought someone's dream home a little closer to reality."



About 150 people filled Cedarville Lanes in Eagan Saturday evening for the fundraiser. Money was raised through bowling registration fees, a raffle for goods and services donated by area businesses, and cash donations. During the event, AKAL Security, a private security firm that provides contracted guards to the FPS, presented Chamberlain with a check for \$2,500.

"AKAL was very generous," said Chamberlain. "They provide us with quality security guards every day, and the check is further evidence of their commitment to the federal community and the community at large."

This will mark the second year that employees of area federal agencies, under the coordination of the Twin Cities Federal Executive Board (FEB), will build a house for Habitat for Humanity, a nonprofit organization that uses donated materials and labor to build homes for low-income families. Federal employees also provide volunteer labor to build the house, which is currently under construction in St. Anthony, Minn.

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The Federal Protective Service, a component of U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE), provides security to the more than 8,800 federally owned and leased facilities throughout the United States and its territories. FPS has a workforce of 1,500 special agents, police officers, inspectors, and more than 10,000 contracted security personnel. In Minnesota, FPS provides security for 104 facilities, 60 of them in the Twin Cities metropolitan area.

For more information on the Habitat for Humanity house sponsored by the Federal Executive Board, visit www.fedhouse.org. For more information on the Federal Protective Service, visit www.ice.gov.

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